

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 13-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 13 and 15-19 are amended; and Claims 20 and 21 are added by the present amendment. No new matter is added

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,445,834 to Rising III. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Though they are different in scope, each of independent Claims 13 and 15-19 recites structure or steps to display icons representative of position information on a geographical map displayed in a position information displaying area. The position icons 181-184 and geographical map of Applicant's Figure 12 are non-limiting examples of the above-noted icons and geographical map. Claim 14 depends from Claim 13.

The Office Action cites Rising III at Figure 3; column 5, lines 50-67; and column 6, lines 26-61, as teaching the above-noted features. However, the cited portion does not teach an icon, i.e., a graphical representation of an operation or file. Further, the cited portion does not teach a geographical map. Rather, the cited portion merely discloses two mathematical matrices referred to as an "Orientation Map" and "Energy Map". The matrices are not displayed in a position information displaying area. In view of the above, Rising III does not teach the claimed structure or steps to display icons representative of position information on a geographical map displayed in a position information displaying area.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Rising III be withdrawn.

Applicants note the Office Action does not address dependent Claim 14, which further recites "both said image information and said position information each of which has attribute

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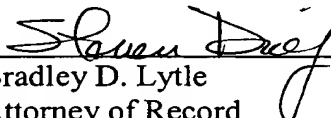
data of time, and both said image information displaying means and said position information displaying means specify a corresponding relationship between said icons of the first type and said icons of the second type using said attribute data of time as a parameter.” Rather, the Office Action merely states that Claim 14 is rejected “under the same rational as claim 13.” Accordingly, as dependent Claim 14 recites further limitations, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claim 14 be withdrawn; or, alternatively, that the next Official Action properly address the further limitations of Claim 14 on the merits.

New independent Claims 20 and 21 are added to recite the subject matter of independent Claims 13 and 17, respectively, in a broader statutory scope. Support for Claims 20 and 21 is evident from Claims 13 and 17. Claims 20 and 21 are believed to distinguish over Rising III for the reasons stated with respect to Claims 13 and 15-19.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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